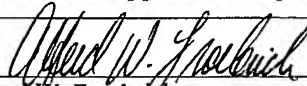


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/DE2003/001779		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 30 May 2003		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 21 June 2002	
TITLE OF INVENTION <p align="center">Operator Control Element for Motor Vehicle Components</p>					
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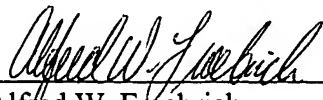
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